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SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION: U.S. AID TO SPAIN

1. MADRID PRESS REPORTS /SPAIN WILL NOT RECEIVE SPECIAL U.S. HELP" (DIARIO 16); "IN WASHINGTON NOTHING IS KNOWN OF A SUPPOSED 'MARSHALL PLAN' FOR SPAIN" (YA). JOSE MARIA CARRASCAL WRITES FROM WASHINGTON FOR APRIL 3 ABC (DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE): "IMPORTANT CARTER ADMINISTRATION SOURCES REPEAT THAT SPAIN AS MUCH AS PORTUGAL NEEDS 'FRIENDLY HELP' IN ITS DEMOCRATIC PROCESS. WHEN URGED TO SPECIFY WHAT CLASS OF HELP -- MORAL, POLITICAL, ECONOMIC -- THEY ANSWER MORE EVASIVELY THAT, MORALLY, EVERYTHING, BUT IN THE ECONOMIC QUESTION CONGRESS MUST BE RECKONED WITH, AND THEREFORE THEY CANNOT PROMISE ANYTHING CONCRETE.

2. JUAN YUSTE FROM WASHINGTON FOR APRIL 3 EL PAIS (LEFT CENTER): "AMERICAN OFFICIALS AGAIN ANNOUNCED YESTERDAY...UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR THE DEMOCRATIZING
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PROCESS IN SPAIN, BUT ALSO SAID THAT FOR THE MOMENT THERE EXISTS NO CONCRETE PLAN FOR CARRYING OUT SUCH AID. AMERICAN COOPERATION...MUST BE UNDERSTOOD IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE BILATERAL RELATIONS BETWEEN SPAIN AND THE EUROPEAN COMMON MARKET...THE CONCRETE MEANS FOR AMERICAN AID TO SPAIN MUST BE DISCUSSED BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. SIMILARLY, THE ADMINISTRATION MEMBERS...REFERRED TO THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE

AND AFFIRMED THAT WASHINGTON AID MUST BE UNDERSTOOD, NOT ONLY IN RELATION TO THE EUROPEAN ECONOMIC COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO IN THE FUTURE RELATION OF SPAIN WITH NATO...SPANISH INTEGRATION INTO NATO AND THE EEC MUST BE PRECEDED BY THE FREE ELECTION OF A DEMOCRATIC PARLIAMENT THAT BRINGS THE SPANISH REGIME TO THE STANDARD OF ITS EUROPEAN NEIGHBORS. FROM THAT, IT IS EASY TO DEDUCE THAT CONCRETE AID FROM THE U.S. CANNOT BE NEGOTIATED UNTIL AFTER THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS."

3. GUSTAVO VALVERDE FROM WASHINGTON FOR YA (DEMOCRATIC CONSERVATIVE) APRIL 3: "THE INTENTION OF POLITICALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SUPPORTING SPAIN...IS UNDERSTOOD TO BE WITHIN THE MULTILATERAL FRAMEWORK OF EUROPEAN-AMERICAN RELATIONS -- READ NATO AND EEC -- AND THE DETERMINATION BY WASHINGTON TOGETHER WITH ITS EUROPEAN ALLIES TO REENFORCE AND CONSOLIDATE DEMOCRACY IN COUNTRIES LIKE SPAIN, GREECE AND PORTUGAL." ITEM. RYLANCE

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